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STATE PASS S/WCI RAPP AND ANDERSON, AF/C, AND EUR/WE

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR RAPP DISCUSSES COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE
AND THE DRC WITH BELGIAN MFA
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Classiifies Richard M. Eason for` (D).

1. (C) Summar Ambassador Stephen J. Rap Belgium would continue to push for the ICC's independent Quthority to initiate trials of crimes of agc
MFA Optimistic on Court for S)erra Leone Donation

2. (C) The AfricQ team of Director General Renier Nijskens, C/ngo Desk Officer Hugues Chantry, and Foreign MiQister Vanackere's Africa Advisor
Belgium Interested in DRC Judicial Reform

3. (C) The MFA Africa team was interested in the concept of chambers of mixed composition to deal with war crimes in the DRC raised by Ambassa
Belgium and the ICC

4. (C) Ambassador Rapp told Legal Department DG Rietjens that the U.S. was proud to regain its observer status at the ICC and said that the U.
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aggression. Rietjens praised the U.S. return to observer status at the ICC. He said Belgium and other European nations were excited to be able

5. (U) Ambassador Rapp cleared this message.
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